

### Lucy Briganti Betrothed to Walter Ward



LUCY BRIGANTI

A holiday announcement has revealed the betrothal of Lucy Briganti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Briganti of 735 Carson street, to Mr. Walter Edward Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ward, of South Pasadena.

The news was told to family members gathered Christmas day at the Briganti home.

Miss Briganti was graduated from Torrance High School and since has been employed with the Los Angeles offices of Swift and Company. Her fiancé, a former resident of St. Louis, Mo., is engaged in personnel work for the same firm. He was a science major at Loyola College in Baltimore, Maryland. During the war he served four years with the Army Air Forces.

The couple have not set a wedding date.

### Success of Bazaar Told

At a recent meeting of the Lomita Post No. 1622, V.F.W. Auxiliary, the members heard a report of the successful bazaar held at Shank's Store during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Marion Estes, chairman of bazaar plans, reported on the two-day event which was well patronized by Christmas shoppers. Teresa Andrews dispensed hot coffee and conducted a food sale which also brought in a large portion of the funds.

Mary Smith, Anna Dannenhauer and President Betty West, directed bazaar booth operations. A beautiful knitted cape, made by Mary Smith, was presented to Teresa Andrews. The auxiliary members are indebted to Phil Osborne for the use of the store building and coffee-making facilities.

A Christmas party complete with a tree, an exchange of gifts and the singing of the lovely carols followed the regular auxiliary meeting. Betty West, Mary Smith, Anna Dannenhauer and Betty Eichman served coffee, jello and holiday cake.

**ATTEND ROSE PARADE**

Among those from Torrance who attended the Pasadena Tournament of Roses were Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Snodgrass, their daughter Joann and their house guests Mrs. Snodgrass' brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Herd of Edinburg, Ill.

## Women's Activities...

By MARY VONDERAHE

### Betrothal Revealed

Beverly Wernett's betrothal to Lavin Sanders was formally announced at a holiday party for family members, when her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wernett, were hosts in their home, 1515 Beech avenue.

The bride-elect is a senior at Torrance High School.

Her fiancé, who served with the U.S. Army in Korea for one year, is studying diesel engineering at National Schools, Los Angeles. The young couple have not yet set their wedding date.

### Yule Tea by Candlelight at Hospital

Red tapers in pewter candlesticks and pyracantha berries graced the tea table for the holiday party in Torrance Memorial Hospital dining room when personnel of that institution were entertained.

Miss Elsa Hamnerstrom, superintendent of nurses, and Miss Doris Spoon, hospital dietitian, poured and Mrs. Minnie M. Brooks, and Mrs. Mina Shidler distributed approximately 30 boxes of candy, a gift to the personnel by the executive board of the hospital, presented by R. R. Smith, president of the board.

Miss Hamnerstrom, and those who assisted with party arrangements, have expressed the desire to make the tea an annual custom.

### Kresse Home Is Setting for Yule Tea

Miss Jean Kresse was hostess during the holidays when she entertained approximately 30 Torrance friends at an attractively appointed tea at her parents' home on El Prado.

Assisting her in receiving were her mother, Mrs. O. A. Kresse, and her sister, Miss Doris Kresse, who had been vacationing from China Lake, near Inyokern, where she has been teaching this year.

Lighted candles, greenery, and colored Christmas balls decorated the rooms and adorned the tea table.

### Delphians resume Study Club Meets

Following the whirl of holiday activities members of Sigma Rho chapter of Delphian Societies will resume meetings tomorrow, Friday Jan. 7 at 10 a.m., in Torrance city library lecture room.

Mrs. B. Taylor Whitney, president, will conduct the business session.

Topic for discussion will be "Religion and Civilization."

Life is a great bundle of little things.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

### Don Baxter Takes Lovely Bride in Nevada Ceremony

Coming as a complete surprise to their many friends was the news of the New Year's Day rites which united in marriage Miss Audrey Rebecca Rauk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rauk, of 1452 W. 220th street, to Mr. Don Albert Baxter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Dunbar, of 1221 Acacia avenue.



NEW YEAR'S BRIDE—The former Miss Audrey Rauk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rauk, of 1452 W. 220th street, who recited nuptial vows in Las Vegas on January 1 to become the bride of Don Albert Baxter, of Torrance.

Motoring to Las Vegas, Nev. for the ceremony, the popular young couple were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Vincent R. Peterson of Torrance, who served as their attendants.

The former Miss Rauk chose as her bridal attire a blue tailored suit with matching accessories and a corsage of gardenias. Mrs. Peterson was attired in a suit of similar styling and color.

Mr. Baxter graduated from Torrance High School with the class of June 1945, and since has been employed with the Los Angeles Federal Savings Bank. Her husband was graduated from the same school and upon his return from three years' service with the United States Navy in Pacific waters, he entered the plastering trade.

They will make their home in Torrance.

### TO SEATTLE

Mrs. Elizabeth Russic, mother of Mrs. Ted Aay of 1229 Date avenue, left Tuesday evening for three months visit with her sons and their families in Seattle. While in the north, Mrs. Russic will spend some time with her sister.

### Sorority Members Attend Yuletide Evening Party

Lovely among the many holiday parties was that held at the home of Miss Doris Lee Quaggin, 1609 Amapola avenue, when members of Theta Nu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi were guests. Co-hostesses for the enjoyable affair were the Misses Adoree Thom and Mary Ellen Crawford.

An artistically decorated white tree ornamented with silver bells created a pretty party background and a mantel arrangement featuring a winter scene complete with a realistic snowman and vested candle choristers completed the decorative effect.

Secret sister gifts found hidden under the tree were opened at the conclusion of an evening of games.

Poinsettias decorated the refreshment table where candy canes were used as favors and Christmas cookies and candy and other party fare were served.

Guests of honor were Mrs. Elsie Guenther, of Los Angeles, who instituted the chapter, and Mesdames Verna Porter and Evelyn Newman, of Torrance.

Others present were Mesdames Vivian Caultkins, Ann Porter, Willis M. Brooks, Wanda Abali, Nadine Moyer, Kathryn Lane and the Misses Vera Ruth Fouts, Oleta Hale, Elsie Miller, Joyce Rossier, Jean Meenan, Joan Pierce, Lorene Littrell, Dorothy Sandstrom, Ruth Speck and hostesses.

### Lomita Royal Neighbors to Install Officers Jan. 19

Mrs. Charles B. Airey of 25016 Cypress street recently was elected oracle of Lomita branch, Royal Neighbors of America, to succeed Mrs. Anna Erickson, who has just completed a successful term of office.

Others who will take over their duties at public installation ceremonies on Jan. 19 are Dorothy Smith, vice-oracle; Anna Erickson, past oracle; Ragna Hansen, chancellor; Laura Wilke, recorder; Cecile Goheen, recorder; Betty Wineteer, marshal; Carol Erickson, assistant marshal; Pat McBride, inner sentinel; Jo Bailey, outer sentinel; Marie Anderson, Josephine Ahnon, Jennie Odmart, managers; Rose Dreier, assistant recorder.

At a meeting of the board members held at the home of the newly-elected oracle, Mrs. Airey, plans for the ensuing year were discussed and the following appointive officers ratified: Louise Andrews, captain of degree staff; Kathryn Vash, drill captain; Beth Mulrein, flag bearer; Bernice Fink, parliamentarian; Gertrude Schreiber, public chairman; Irene McPeak, ways and means chairman, and the five graces, Mildred LePont, faith; Audrey Woodman, courage; Grace Morgison, modesty; Winifred Brase, unselfishness and Jo Shephard, endurance.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Airey served pumpkin custard tarts with whipped cream, dairy sandwiches and coffee to Mesdames Anna Erickson, Dorothy Smith, Bonnie Wilke, Cecile Goheen, Betty Wineteer, Carol Erickson, Johanna Bailey, Agnes McBride, Marie Anderson, Josephine Oleman, Jennie Odmart, Bernice Fink, Rose Dreier, Ethel Erickson, Gertrude Schreiber, Mildred LePont, Audrey Wigman, Grace Morgison, Jo Shephard, Kathryn Vash and Irene McPeak.

### Silver Crest Rebekahs in Officer Roster Changes

Silver Crest Rebekah Lodge No. 295 held its regular meeting in Redondo Beach Woman's Clubhouse with Noble Grand Martha Spikes presiding.

A communication from Margery King was read stating that she would have to decline the office of vice grand as she feels she cannot do justice to the lodge while she is employed and at times must work at night. Her resignation was accepted and Gloria Gentry was unanimously elected to the office for the ensuing six months term.

Helen Bradley and Sarah Morris were initiated into the Rebekah degree.

Following the meeting gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served.

**J. F. F. CLUB'S HOLIDAY PARTY IS ENJOYABLE AFFAIR**

Members of the J. F. F. Club held their annual yuletide party at the home of Mrs. Eva Kelley, 23863 Park street, Waverly.

Traditional carols, a bountiful repast and an exchange featured the enjoyable affair.

Present were Mesdames Hayes, Buckingham, Palmer, Sanders, Stonecker, Conze, Loughridge, Larsen, Minor and the hostess!

### ENGAGEMENT TOLD DURING HOLIDAYS

The engagement of Miss Phyllis Ann Yeargin and Paul Franklin Dwight was announced to their friends on Christmas Day, according to the bride's parents.



Mr. and Mrs. Irvin M. Yeargin, 25329 Feijo avenue.

The wedding will take place in June.

The bride-elect was graduated from Narbonne High School with the summer class of 1945 and attended Metropolitan Business School in Los Angeles, where she was enrolled in a secretarial course.

Mr. Dwight is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dwight of San Pedro. He is a graduate of San Pedro High School, attended Compton Junior College for two years and enlisted in the U. S. Army spending most of the war years in France and Germany. He is now with the Los Angeles Fire Department.

### Activities of PTA Council Mothersingers

Two new songs were issued to members of the Torrance Council P.T.A. Mothersingers at their rehearsal Monday night. Both numbers are modern settings of traditional Hungarian folk songs and were selected by Choral Director Anthony Vazana for local appearances of the Mothersingers.

In "Dancing Song" and "St. Gregory's Day," Zoltan Kodaly, a living Hungarian composer, has combined the simple melodies and zestful rhythms of his people with interesting choral harmonies for three and five parts.

During a short business meeting Mrs. Geneva Sheffield, Mothersinger president, announced the appointment of Mrs. Frances Fletcher as publicity chairman. Mrs. Les Congwer, vice president, welcomed Mrs. Kathryn Davis as a member of the group.

Enrollment in the Torrance Mothersingers, an adult education class which meets every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the high school, is open to all women of the community.

### Flower Show to Attract Many at Brookside Park

Flower lovers will be interested in the announcement that the 1949 Southern California Spring Flower Show date has been set for March 10 through the 13th in Brookside Park, Pasadena.

More than 200 classes of competition will be open to amateur and private growers in addition to a special daffodil schedule containing 22 classes. Flower arrangements are also on the schedule and will be of interest to garden club members as well as other amateur and professionalists.

Entry blanks may be obtained from the Pasadena Flower Show Association, 675 Rosemont avenue, Pasadena.

### Clubwomen Continue Bridge Party Series

Torrance Woman's Club ways and means activities were not forgotten in the whirl of holiday entertaining—not with such enthusiastic club women as Mrs. Raymond J. Rogers and her guests taking time out to continue with the series of club-sponsored progressive bridge parties.

Mrs. Rogers' guests, each of whom has obligated herself to entertain at a similar party to swell the club's treasury, were Mesdames Tom F. McGuire, Blaine Walker, R. A. Bingham, C. E. Vard, Arthur Bingham, Gordon M. Smith, R. A. Bauman and Boyd Thompson.

Contract award winners included Mrs. Arthur Bingham.

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